

19 November 2023

**Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Year A**

Holy Mass
9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Readings begin **page 155**

1st Reading:

Proverbs 31: 10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 127

O blessed are those
who fear the Lord

2nd Reading:

Thessalonians 5: 1 - 6

Gospel Acclamation:

Apocalypse 2: 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the
crown of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 25: 14 - 30

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Church open 8.00am - 7.00pm daily,
Monday - Saturday

Monday 20 November

Holy Mass 5.45pm
with Devotions to St Philip Neri

Tuesday 21 November

Presentation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass 12.30pm
with prayers to Venerable Margaret
Sinclair for her cause

Wednesday 22 November

St Cecilia

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm
Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm
Holy Mass 12.30 pm

Thursday 23 November

St Clement I, St Columban

Holy Mass 12.30 pm

Friday 24 November

St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Saturday 25 November

St Catherine of Alexandria

Exposition 11.25am : 12.25pm
Confessions 11.30am : 12.20pm
Holy Mass 12.30pm

Confessions are daily before and
after Holy Mass whenever there is a
priest available.

The annual special collection for
Scottish Catholic Education takes
place next Sunday 26 November.

St Patrick's RC Church Edinburgh

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair

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Dear Friends,

I hope you're well in the Lord? It was wonderful to see so many people in the memorial hall on Sunday after the Requiem Mass for the war dead, especially those from our own parish.

It is so encouraging and heart-warming to see Saint Patrick's becoming vibrant again. The Testimony of this is seen in the votive lamps offered for their intentions as many people are now coming to visit in the day. The mystical life is strong, and it grows when we have definite places to pray and visit the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady is the champion of the mystical life wants her children to share in the rich life of prayer, service, and sacrifice for in honour of Her Son for needs of our own life and needs of the world.

On Tuesday we celebrate the Presentation of Our Lady. Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Our Lady offered their daughter to God in the Temple at Jerusalem when she was a young girl. The feast is based on an ancient text from the year 145, called *The Protoevangelium of James*.

Here is a portion of this text

"And the priest received her, and kissed her, and blessed her, saying: The Lord has magnified your name in all generations. In you, on the last of the days, the Lord will manifest His redemption to the sons of Israel. And he set her down upon the third step of the altar, and the Lord God sent grace upon her; and she danced with her feet, and all the house of Israel loved her. And her parents went down marvelling, and praising the Lord God, because the child had not turned back. And Mary was in the temple of the Lord as if she were a dove that dwelt there, and she received food from the hand of an angel."



For some people, they can't get their heads around a more mystical explanation of this event in the life of Our Lady. This feast points to the fact that her life was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by the work of our hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work.

At the same time, the magnificence of Mother Mary enriches her children. We are her children and as such, we too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr Gerard

Friday the 24th November is the anniversary of the death of Venerable Margaret Sinclair. At 10.30am we will **offer the Holy Rosary at the Monument** of her former grave at Mount Vernon Cemetery. After that, you are very welcome to walk back to St Patrick's in time for Mass and for those who come back by car there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till Mass starts at 12.30pm.

Donations for the **SSVP Appeal** to support local foodbanks and provide gifts for families in need should be placed in the boxes in the foyer. Gifts should be wrapped & clearly marked with age & gender The deadline for donations is **Friday 15th December**. Thank you.

Finance:**Sunday 12 November collection**

GA £ 213.00

NGA £ 586.98



Donate online by scanning the QR code.
Thank you for your support.

The annual **Advent Pro-Life Rosary** takes place each Monday in Advent at 7.45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions, with reflections from guest speakers including Archbishop Leo Cushley on 4th December. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents

26 November**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe.****Year A****1st Reading:**

Ezekiel 14: 11 - 12, 15 - 17

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 22

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 26, 28

Gospel Acclamation:

Mark 11: 10

Gospel:

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Mass Intentions

19 November	9.00am	Danny Bonnar	Anniversary. RIP
19 November	11.00am	People of the Parish	
19 November	4.30pm	Liam Connelly	Private Intention
20 November	5.45pm	Jake Llewellyn	Repose of the soul
21 November	12.30pm	Bangura Family	
22 November	12.30pm	Sierra Leone	
23 November	12.30pm	Anonymous	Private Intention
24 November	12.30pm	Kai-Hardings Family	
25 November	12.30pm	Jacob & Rose	Thanksgiving for 17th Wedding Anniversary 9/11/23.

A special **Collection for World Day for the Poor** takes place today. The money will go to the Fife Furniture Project, which is run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for their home.

Sex & relationships education: The Scottish Government has removed all reference to Catholic schools in a draft document that will be used in Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood education in classrooms. It means children could be exposed to lessons contrary to Church teaching. Catholics across Scotland are being urged to respond to a consultation to ensure our voice is heard on this matter. For a guide on how to submit your responses go to: bit.ly/detailsandresponse

A prayer for **Prisoners' Week** (19-25 November).

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in His strength and in His Spirit. Now and every day. Amen.

The **Archdiocesan Youth Day** for P4-7s is next Saturday 25 November from 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre when we will unpack *Jesus the King of the Universe* and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more!

The annual special collection for the **Scottish Catholic Education Service** will take place next Sunday, 26 November.

Explore the richness & depth of our Catholic faith with the **Diploma in Catechetics 2024** led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM on Thursdays at 7:30pm beginning Thursday 25 January 2024. Registration & info at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Sacramental Preparation: Please sign up before the end of November. Register online & one of the priests will be happy to contact you & guide you & your child through the process: stpatricksedinburgh.com/sacraments/

All welcome to the **Newman Association in Edinburgh** talk

Ecumenism and the Synodal Church

on Tuesday 21 November at 7.30pm in Mayfield Salisbury Church of Scotland, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH49 1TQ. The guest speaker is Monsignor Philip Kerr, Vice-president of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland's Office for Ecumenism.

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